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January 17, 1967

Honorable C. Rodney Smith, Vice President  
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Dear General Smith:

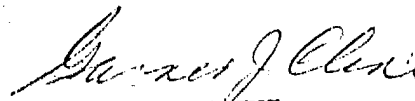
Now that I have returned to Washington after an extensive Committee trip abroad, I hasten to acknowledge your letter of November 14, 1966 which was received during my absence. As you probably know, Mr. Rodino and I did meet with three representatives of RADIO FREE EUROPE in Geneva. These people certainly have a grasp of the situation surrounding the Rodino bill.

Although copies are not available as yet, Mr. Rodino's reintroduction of this measure on January 12, 1967 for the Ninetieth Congress is H.R. 1238. The bill is identical to H.R. 14545 with one exception and that is the inclusion of the terms "after a lawful admission for permanent residence" on page 2, line 4, after the terms "five years". This slight change, which we had discussed, would appear to satisfy the objection raised by some members of the Committee.

As soon as the Committees are organized and members are appointed to Subcommittee No. I (Immigration and Nationality), Mr. Rodino will move the consideration of H.R. 1238. I do think that it would be wise at that time for you to visit with the Committee so that any possible question can be immediately answered and thus the way could be paved for quick Committee action and early House consideration.

I will keep you advised. With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
 GARNER J. CLINE  
 Counsel

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